

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Aligning Optical Elements

**RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 15, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 15, 2006, Applicant amends and  
remarks as follows.

**AMENDMENTS**

Underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions.